

Docket No. 31673-003000
Patent**REMARKS**

Applicants have amended the specification to add a new paragraph on page 1 between the title and the heading "Government Interests." The new paragraph is supposed at least by original paragraph [0002] of the specification. Applicants have also amended the specification by deleting original paragraph [0002] and the heading "Reference to Related Applications" on page 1. In addition, Applicants have renumbered original paragraph [0001] as paragraph [0002].

Applicants respectfully submit that the above amendments to the specification do not introduce new matter. Accordingly, entry of these amendments is respectfully requested. An updated Application Data Sheet accompanies this Preliminary Amendment.

Applicants also submit herewith a petition to accept an unintentionally delayed priority claim under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(6).

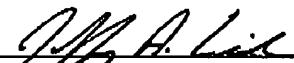
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request examination of this application in view of this Preliminary Amendment. Although Applicants believe that the fees paid herewith are correct, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any payment deficiency to deposit account number 19-2380 referring to attorney docket number 031673-003000.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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